

sequence of: RVRVS (SEQ ID NO:263) or SVRSGCGFRGSS (SEQ ID NO:264) or SVRGGCGAHSS (SEQ ID NO:265).

149. (New) The method as in any one of claims 143-149 wherein the protein is not more than 40 amino acids in length.

150. (New) The method as in any one of claims 143-149 wherein the protein is not more than 30 amino acids in length.

151. (New) The method as in any one of claims 143-149 wherein the protein is not more than 20 amino acids in length.

152. (New) The method as in any one of claims 143-149 wherein said composition facilitates the transport of the drug through human or animal gastro-intestinal tissue.

153. (New) The method as in any one of claims 143-149 in which the administering is oral.

154. (New) The method as in any one of claims 143-149 in which the subject is a human.

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed in view of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's refusal to enter the Amendment filed on December 19, 2001 requesting that claims 31-39 and 98-108 be canceled and new claims 109-155 be entered. In an Advisory Action mailed January 17, 2002, the Examiner refused entry of the amendments because (i) proposed claim 118 "drawn to a slow-release device was not presented in the original claims and requires further search and consideration;" and (ii) the language "as in one of claims" recited in several of the dependent claims should read "as in any one of claims." In response, Applicants

submit this Supplemental Amendment. This Supplemental Amendment directs the cancellation of claims 31-39 and 98-108 and addition of new claims. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification as originally filed as set forth in the chart below.

New claims 109-117 and 118-154 correspond to claims 109-117 and 119-155, respectively, of the Amendment of December 19, 2001 which was not entered. Thus, the present Amendment does not contain a claim that corresponds to claim 118 of the Amendment of December 19, 2001, directed to a slow-release device.

Additionally, Applicants submit although the language "as in one of claims" complies with the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure's examples of acceptable multiple dependent claim wording (*see* M.P.E.P. (8th Ed.; August 2001), § 608.01(n)(I)(A) at p. 600-72 (*see* claim 8 example), pursuant to the Examiner's instructions, Applicants have replaced the language "as in one of claims" with "as in any one of claims."

Written description support for new claims 109-154 can be found in the specification as originally filed. The support is set forth in the chart below:

Claim	Support in Specification ¹
109-116	page 19, lines 27-29; page 20, lines 17-19; page 30, line 24 to page 31, line 2; page 20, line 26 to page 21, line 2; page 41, lines 16-29; page 43, line 28 to page 44, line 3; page 243, line 27 to page 247, line 29

¹ The page numbers cited in this response refer to pages in the substitute specification of May 3, 2000.

127-134	page 19, lines 27-29; page 20, lines 17-19; page 30, line 24 to page 31, line 2; page 20, line 26 to page 21, line 2; page 41, lines 16-29; page 43, line 28 to page 44, line 3; page 44, lines 13-24; page 243, line 27 to page 247, line 29
141-148	page 19, lines 27-29; page 20, lines 17-19; page 30, line 24 to page 31, line 2; page 20, line 26 to page 21, line 2; page 40, lines 21-23; page 40, line 31 to page 41, line 8; page 41, lines 16-29; page 43, line 28 to page 44, line 3; page 243, line 27 to page 247, line 29
117	page 44, lines 13-25
118	page 9, line 26 to page 10, line 3
119, 135, 149	page 22, lines 20-26
120, 136, 150	page 22, lines 20-26
121, 137, 151	page 22, lines 20-26
122, 138, 152	page 44, lines 7-12
123, 139, 153	page 9, line 26 to page 10, line 3; page 44, lines 5-13
124	page 9, lines 26 to page 10, line 3; page 43, lines 13-16; page 43, lines 27 to page 44 line 2
125-126, 140, 154	page 9, lines 16-21; page 43, line 23-27

After entry of the present amendment, claims 75 and 109-154 will be pending in the present application. For the Examiner's convenience, attached hereto as Exhibit A is a list of the claims as pending following the entry of the instant amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered and made of record in the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims fully meet all statutory requirements for patentability. Action for issuance is respectfully requested.

If any outstanding issues remain, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned to discuss such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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